

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An anchoring device configured to secure a cover to the ground is comprised of a body in the form of a living creature. Integral with the body are a first feature forming a first half of an anchoring clamp and a second feature forming a stake. A non-integral  
5 third feature forms a second half of the anchoring clamp. Each of the first, second, and third features are configured of natural parts or appendages of the living creature, such as the creature's mouth, arms, legs or tail. A biasing mechanism exerts a force that biases the first and third features together to provide a clamping force. Protrusions and/or a hook-and-loop material in the first and third features further facilitate securing the cover.  
10 A cavity in the creature's body accepts material that adds weight to the body. The stake may also have a hook feature that facilitates securing the stake to the ground.